

**BLUE RIBBON PANEL**  
**Department of Transportation District 8 Office Building**  
**3025 E. Kearney**  
**Springfield, MO**  
**April 28, 2003**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Meeting Notice**

The Blue Ribbon Panel appointed by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) met on Monday, April 28, 2003, in the MoDOT District 8 Office Building, 3025 E. Kearney, Springfield, MO. A meeting with MoDOT employees convened at 11:00 a.m. The Panel's regular meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. the Panel met at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Office Building, 202 S. John Q. Hammons Parkway, Springfield, MO, to hear public input regarding MoDOT accountability, credibility, and efficiency.

The meeting agenda, showing the date, time, and location of the meeting, was posted in keeping with Section 610.020 of the 2000 Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

**Attendance**

**Members present for regular meeting:**

Dr. Jack Magruder, Chairman  
Jim Henson  
Tom Irwin (via telephone conference)  
Freeman McCullah  
John Mehner  
Joe Ortwerth  
Steve Roberts  
Larry Stobbs  
Morris Westfall

**Members absent:**

Ray Beck  
Emanuel Cleaver  
Karen Messerli

**MoDOT Headquarters Staff present:**

Henry Hungerbeeler, Director  
Rich Tiemeyer, Chief Counsel  
Kevin Keith, Chief Engineer  
Pat Goff, Chief Operating Officer  
Rich Hood, Director of Communications

## **Summary of Meeting**

### **Meeting with MoDOT Employees**

Prior to the Panel's regular meeting, Panel members met with 30 employees from Districts 7, 8, and 9, without MoDOT management staff, to listen to their input as it pertained to accountability, credibility, and efficiency issues. The employees were selected at random in keeping with a process developed by the MoDOT District Engineers.

### **Call to Order**

Dr. Jack Magruder, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the April 16, 2003, meeting were not available.

### **Report from Dean Carlson, former Secretary of KDOT**

Dr. Magruder welcomed Dean Carlson, former Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and former Executive Director of the Federal Highway Administration, who had been invited by the panel to provide input relating to accountability, credibility, and efficiency issues. Mr. Carlson's presentation and responses to questions from the panel members have been summarized as they pertain to specific issues. A copy of the summary and a copy of the charts he referenced during the meeting are attached and made a part of these meeting minutes. See Attachment A.

### **Public Input**

The Panel met at 4:00 p.m. to hear presentations from the public. Nine individuals submitted testimony. Attachment B is attached and made a part of these minutes.

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